

**Table 91 (page 1 of 2). Dental visits in the past year, by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1997–2012**

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Characteristic	2 years and over			2–17 years			18–64 years			65 years and over <sup>1</sup>		
	1997	2010	2012	1997	2010	2012	1997	2010	2012	1997	2010	2012
Percent of persons with a dental visit in the past year <sup>2</sup>												
Total <sup>3</sup>	65.1	64.7	66.2	72.7	78.9	82.3	64.1	61.1	61.6	54.8	57.7	61.8
Sex												
Male	62.9	61.7	63.8	72.3	78.3	82.7	60.4	56.8	57.7	55.4	56.2	60.5
Female	67.1	67.5	68.5	73.0	79.6	81.8	67.7	65.4	65.4	54.4	58.9	62.8
Race <sup>4</sup>												
White only	66.4	65.6	66.8	74.0	79.2	82.3	65.7	62.4	62.5	56.8	59.3	63.4
Black or African American only	58.9	58.8	62.1	68.8	79.0	83.1	57.0	53.1	56.4	35.4	40.6	45.1
American Indian or Alaska Native only	55.1	57.4	65.0	66.8	73.2	89.8	49.9	49.8	53.6	*	72.2	*48.9
Asian only	62.5	66.5	65.5	69.9	74.8	78.9	60.3	64.6	61.7	53.9	61.9	65.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*
2 or more races	---	65.2	68.9	---	77.9	80.5	---	54.7	60.1	---	48.1	47.3
Black or African American; White	---	72.5	71.8	---	78.4	77.2	---	62.1	61.7	---	*	*67.8
American Indian or Alaska Native; White	---	54.7	60.4	---	70.0	86.1	---	49.0	51.0	---	*54.5	*44.8
Hispanic origin and race <sup>4</sup>												
Hispanic or Latino	54.0	56.5	58.8	61.0	74.8	80.4	50.8	48.5	49.2	47.8	42.1	47.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	66.4	66.2	67.7	74.7	80.1	82.9	65.7	63.4	64.1	55.2	59.0	63.0
White only	68.0	67.6	68.9	76.4	80.9	83.3	67.5	65.4	65.8	57.2	60.9	65.0
Black or African American only	58.8	58.7	62.0	68.8	79.2	82.9	56.9	53.1	56.5	35.3	40.5	45.2
Percent of poverty level <sup>5</sup>												
Below 100%	50.5	50.6	51.5	62.0	73.2	76.4	46.9	41.0	41.5	31.5	32.8	32.8
100%–199%	50.8	51.6	54.1	62.5	73.4	79.2	48.3	44.1	45.8	40.8	43.8	44.6
200%–399%	66.2	63.5	64.9	76.1	79.0	82.5	63.4	59.6	59.8	60.7	57.9	60.8
400% or more	78.9	79.3	81.1	85.7	88.0	89.8	77.7	77.5	78.8	74.7	77.2	82.4
Hispanic origin and race and percent of poverty level <sup>4,5</sup>												
Hispanic or Latino:												
Below 100%	45.7	50.8	52.5	55.9	74.3	77.9	39.2	34.7	37.3	33.6	32.4	36.5
100%–199%	47.2	50.8	55.2	53.8	71.1	80.3	43.5	40.2	43.1	47.9	39.5	41.0
200%–399%	61.2	59.1	59.9	70.5	76.5	81.6	57.5	54.1	52.8	57.0	46.0	47.9
400% or more	73.0	73.3	75.9	82.4	84.2	85.9	70.8	71.6	73.0	64.9	54.3	71.9
Not Hispanic or Latino:												
White only:												
Below 100%	51.7	49.3	49.2	64.4	69.1	73.8	50.6	44.4	43.2	32.0	36.4	32.6
100%–199%	52.4	52.7	52.7	66.1	75.3	76.7	50.4	47.2	46.7	42.2	45.4	45.9
200%–399%	67.5	64.7	66.0	77.1	79.6	82.5	65.0	61.4	61.5	61.9	59.8	62.9
400% or more	79.7	79.8	82.2	86.8	88.6	90.9	78.5	77.9	80.0	75.5	78.8	83.2
Black or African American only:												
Below 100%	52.8	52.0	53.9	66.1	78.0	78.1	46.2	39.7	42.7	27.7	20.9	25.6
100%–199%	48.7	50.0	57.5	61.2	75.9	84.8	46.3	41.5	49.0	26.9	33.6	39.0
200%–399%	63.3	61.2	62.6	75.0	81.2	85.1	60.7	57.2	57.8	41.5	45.3	48.7
400% or more	74.6	77.2	78.3	81.8	87.2	90.4	73.4	75.9	76.4	66.1	69.8	76.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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Characteristic	2 years and over			2–17 years			18–64 years			65 years and over <sup>1</sup>		
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Disability measure <sup>6</sup>												
Percent of persons with a dental visit in the past year <sup>2</sup>												
Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	55.1	53.5	53.0	49.0	50.7	54.7
Any basic actions difficulty . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	54.7	53.2	53.1	48.7	50.5	54.6
Any complex activity limitation . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	51.0	47.4	47.7	44.6	43.1	49.4
No disability . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	67.4	64.2	64.8	64.2	68.8	72.4
Geographic region												
Northeast . . . . .	69.6	70.1	72.9	77.5	83.8	86.4	69.6	67.9	70.7	55.5	61.5	63.4
Midwest . . . . .	68.4	67.3	67.1	76.4	80.8	80.1	67.4	64.3	63.0	57.6	58.2	65.1
South . . . . .	60.2	60.9	62.3	68.0	77.4	82.4	59.4	56.5	56.7	49.0	54.1	55.8
West . . . . .	65.0	63.9	66.4	71.5	76.1	81.3	62.9	60.2	60.8	61.9	59.8	67.6
Location of residence												
Within MSA <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	66.7	65.9	67.5	73.6	79.3	82.5	65.7	62.4	62.9	57.6	59.4	64.3
Outside MSA <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	59.1	58.4	59.4	69.3	76.4	81.0	58.0	53.8	54.0	46.1	51.3	51.8

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%.

--- Data not available.

... Category not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Based on the 1997–2012 National Health Interview Surveys, about 21%–30% of persons aged 65 and over were edentulous (having lost all their natural teeth). In 1997–2012, about 69%–73% of older dentate persons, compared with 17%–23% of older edentate persons, had a dental visit in the past year.

<sup>2</sup>Respondents were asked “About how long has it been since you last saw or talked to a dentist?” See [Appendix II, Dental visit](#).

<sup>3</sup>Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown disability status.

<sup>4</sup>The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 *Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity* and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single-race categories plus multiple-race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category 2 or more races includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to 1999, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards with four racial groups, and the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single-race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race were treated as missing, and then race was imputed if these were the only race responses. Almost all persons with a race response of other race were of Hispanic origin. See [Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race](#).

<sup>5</sup>Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. Missing family income data were imputed for 1997 and beyond. See [Appendix II, Family income; Poverty; Table VI](#).

<sup>6</sup>Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation is defined as having one or more of the following limitations or difficulties: movement difficulty, emotional difficulty, sensory (seeing or hearing) difficulty, cognitive difficulty, self-care (activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living) limitation, social limitation, or work limitation. For more information, see [Appendix II, Basic actions difficulty; Complex activity limitation](#). Starting with 2007 data, the hearing question, a component of the basic actions difficulty measure, was revised. Consequently, data prior to 2007 are not comparable with data for 2007 and beyond. For more information on the impact of the revised hearing question, see [Appendix II, Hearing trouble](#).

<sup>7</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Starting with 2006 data, MSA status is determined using 2000 census data and the 2000 standards for defining MSAs. For data prior to 2006, see [Appendix II, Metropolitan statistical area \(MSA\)](#) for the applicable standards.

NOTES: In 1997, the National Health Interview Survey questionnaire was redesigned. See [Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#). Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>. Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, sample child and sample adult questionnaires. See [Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#).